s. No.	Name of Company	No. of Subscribers
39.	M/s Balaxenet Pvt. Ltd.	600
40.	M/s Bytes Internet Services Pvt. Ltd.	448
41,	M/s Bohra Pratisthan Pvt. Ltd.	195
4/2.	M/s WWW Communications Ltd.	1,100
43.	M/s I-Ninety One Interconnect Ltd.	800
44.	M/s Vintamass Network Pvt. Ltd.	329
45.	M/s Sagarsoft International Ltd. (Netlinx Ltd.)	3,400
46.	M/s Nomus Internet Systems.	270
47.	M/s Narmada Cyberzone P.Ltd.	380
48.	M/s Baldev Shipbreakers Ltd.	250
49.	M/s Websurf	630
50.	M/s Data Link Imperx Pvt. Ltd.	1,272
51.	M/s CG FAFEMAIL Ltd.	1,735
52.	M/s Shah Net Technologies (P) Ltd.	46
53.	M/s Director Internet Pvt. Ltd.	002
54.	M/s Internet Promoters India Ltd. (Sampark Online)	619
55.	M/s Track Polymers (Net-4)	2,817
56.	M/s Pacific Internet	1,800
57.	M/s E-Comm Opportunities Pvt. Ltd.	821
58.	M/s Growth Compusoft	500
59.	M/s MiNinium Internet Services Online (P) Ltd.	25
60.	M/s Pukhava Internet Tech Sol Utions.	265
61.	M/s Macronet	300
62.	M/s B.S.E.S. Telecom Ltd.	208

Training to youths in Internet Technology in North-Eastern Region

3246. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to set up more offices of VSNL in the North-East Region, in order to give exposure to the people of the region on latest technologies;

(b) if so, the detials thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether VSNL will offer training to youths of the region in latest internet technologies; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken for the same in the Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Sir, VSNL has full fledged gateway at Calcutta for providing international access to the Eastern Region including the North East. An earth Station at Guwahati is also being set up. At present any ISP can connect their network to Calcutta gateway for international access. As and when Guwahati gateway is comissioned, they will be able to have access from there, as well.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

(d) VSNL is not in the business of imparting such training.

(e) In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.

Post Offices in the country

†3247. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices targetted to be opened in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of post offices is much less in Maharashtra than that of the other States; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) During the Ninth Five Year Plan the proposal is to open 250 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 2500 Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices.

(b) The comparative detail of the number of post offices in the country is given in the Statement *(see* below). The number of Post Offices in Maharashtra is not less than that in other States.

(c) During the current Financial Year, it is proposed to open 2 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 40 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in State of Maharashtra. During 1999-2000, a total of 43 Post Offices were opened in the State.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.